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1. AUSTRALIAN AMB. HARRY, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE WEO GROUP, INFORMED THE GROUP ON 13 NOVEMBER THAT LOS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE HAD SOUGHT THE VIEWS OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE FIVE REGIONAL GROUPS ON THE CURRENT DRAFT LOS CONFERENCE RESOLUTION. (AS CIRCULATED INFORMALLY, THE AMERASINGHE DRAFT IS THE SAME AS THAT TRANSMITTED REFTEL EXCEPT THAT THE TERMINAL CLAUSE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1, CONCERNING A SECOND CONFERENCE SESSION IN 1976, CURRENTLY READS "APPROVES ...THE CONVENING OF A FIFTH SESSION IN 1976 IF SUCH A DECISION IS TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE.") HARRY REPORTED TO THE GROUP THAT HE HAD MET WITH THE OTHER GROUP CHAIRMEN AND AMERASINGHE FOR A FIRST CONVERSATION ON THE CURRENT DRAFT. HE SAID HE HAD EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE WEO'S WERE UNLIKELY TO HAVE A COMMON POSITION ON THE DRAFT BUT OFFERED TO SOUND THEM OUT. HARRY FURTHER REPORTED THAT THE LA
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REPRESENTATIVE HAD FAVORED THE DRAFT IN GENERAL TERMS INCLUDING

ITS PROVISION FOR A SECOND SESSION. THE AF SPOKESMAN SAID THE AFRICAN GROUP HAD BEEN OPPOSED TO A SECOND SESSION IN 1976 BUT THOUGHT THE CURRENT FORMULA MIGHT, AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, PROVE ACCEPTABLE. THE AF REPRESENTATIVE ALSO SAID THAT NJENGA OF KENYA WANTED TO REVISE THE TERMINAL CLAUSE OF PARAGRAPH 1 TO READ "APPROVES...AND, IF NECESSARY, THE CONVENING OF A FIFTH SESSION IN 1976 SHOULD THE CONFERENCE SO DECIDE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING ITS WORK". (THIS BEING MORE OR LESS THE REFTEL FORMULATION).

2. IN THE DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED NORWAY SAID THE AMERASINGHE TEXT IN ITS CURRENT FORM IS FULLY ACCEPTABLE. FRANCE SAID EITHER THERE IS NO NEED TO MENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND 1976 SESSION IN VIEW OF THE GENERAL INSTRUCTION TO WALDHEIM IN PARAGRAPH 3 TO SUPPORT THE CONFERENCE, OR, ALTERNATIVELY, THERE SHOULD BE DELETED THE END OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3, AUTHORIZING WALDHEIM TO PROVIDE SERVICING NOT ONLY FOR THE CONFERENCE IN 1976 BUT ALSO "AND OF SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES AS MAY BE DECIDED UPON BY THE CONFERENCE", SINCE ITS CONTENT WAS EITHER REDUNDANT OR UNIDENTIFIED. CANADA HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT A SECOND SESSION WOULD PROVE PRACTICABLE IN VIEW OF THE NEED OF GOVERNMENTS FOR SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER THE 300-ODD ARTICLES THAT COULD BE EXPECTED TO COME OUT OF THE SPRING SESSION AND SAID THAT THE CALL FOR A SECOND SESSION IN 1976 THUS SEEMED DISINGENUOUS. US DELOFF EXPLAINED THE CRITICAL NEED FOR RESERVING SUCH CONFERENCE SERVICES AS ADEQUATE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION AND MEETING FACILITIES, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT, UNLESS THE POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND SESSION WERE FORESEEN AND ACTED UPON BY THIS SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A SESSION WOULD NO LONGER EXIST BY NEXT SPRING, AND SUPPORTED AMERASINGHE'S EFFORTS. ICELAND ALSO SUPPORTED THE DRAFT. MOYNIHAN

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